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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LETTER FROM SECDEF TO FRENCH DEFMIN  
BOURGES

1. WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF YVON BOURGES AS NEW FRENCH  
DEFENSE MINISTER, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL WISH TO SEND A  
PERSONAL LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO BOURGES. IF SO,  
I WOULD BE PLEASED TO DELIVER IT PERSONALLY TO BOURGES  
ON AN APPROPRIATE EARLY OCCASION.

2. SUCH A LETTER COULD BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:  
"DEAR MR. MINISTER: AS YOU ASSUME YOUR IMPORTANT NEW  
DUTIES, LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU AND ASSURE YOU OF MY  
DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. I AM PERSUADED THAT THE  
POTENTIAL THREATS TO OUR COMMON DEFENSE ARE GROWING,  
NOT DIMINISHING. YOU AND I KNOW THE FINANCIAL BURDEN  
THAT A PRUDENT DEFENSE POSTURE IMPOSES ON US. CONSE-  
QUENTLY, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE ADVANTAGES OF A  
COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO OUR MUTUAL SECURITY ARE MORE  
EVIDENT TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE. WITH THIS IN MIND, I  
LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND WITH OUR OTHER  
EUROPEAN ALLIES TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE COMING  
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YEARS IN PROVIDING FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE. I HOPE THAT

WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER  
SUBJECTS IN SOME DETAIL AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY."  
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